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Transcription of The Selectmen's Report  
October 7th, 1833  
Town of North Branford

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TRANSCRIPTION SELECTMEN'S  
REPORT OCTOBER 7th 1833 TOWN  
OF NORTH BRANFORD  
Accession Number 1974-003-001

Physical Description:

This report appears to be the first annual report issued after the establishment of North Branford as a separate town. The report is written in black ink, in a fine clear hand, in a hand-sewn booklet. It is composed of four sheets of writing paper, 16" wide by 6.5" high plus a coarse brown cover sheet which is approximately one inch larger all around. The sheets are folded and sewn down the fold to produce a booklet with 16 pages 8" wide by 6.5" high with front and back covers.

The booklet is in generally good condition except that there is mice damage in the lower left and upper right corners. Fortunately the missing areas fall mostly in the margins. However, some text has been lost. Areas of missing text are shown within brackets, ( ). Some of the missing text can be guessed at with fairly high certainty either because only part of a word is missing or because a missing number is provided somewhere else in the text. Text provided in this manner is shown within brackets. Questionable readings are followed by a question mark. Illegible words are shown by a series of x's. Fortunately there are few of these as the text is generally quite clear and easy to read.

The format of the original is followed in the transcription so that the number of lines and pages is the same. The spelling and punctuation of the original are also retained. For clarity, page numbers are shown in brackets although there are no page numbers in the original.

In the sections related to aid to the poor, family names have been omitted in the transcription in order to respect the privacy of the families involved.

The transcription follows.

(Front Cover)

Select Men's Report  
October 7th 1833

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Town Accounts of North Branford from (October 1st)

1832 till October 1st 1833, inclusive,

Town	(Do?)		\$	cts	\$	cts
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	To Walter R. Foot for washing & mending cloths for for(sic) Samuel N. Wxxxxxx		1			
	To footing 2 pair of stockings @ 68cts to mending shoes 28cts To boarding Samuel N. Wxxx 25 weeks throughout the winter at 1_12 <sup>1/2</sup> pr week.			96	18	12 1/2
April 2nd	To Samuel Foot, Junr for boarding S.N. Wxxx } 6 weeks from the 2nd of April last at 0-75 pr week		4	50		
	To Augustus Foot for boarding S.N. Wxxx 2 weeks &) two days in May last at 0-50 pr week		1	14		
	To 1 pr of shoes one with a cork? bottom		2			
	To Monna V. Clark for 5 1/2 yds Shirting, 7cts pr yd & makeing To 5 yds of cloth for trousers at 15cts pr yd & makeing			4	1	37
(Augus)t 30	To Walter R. Foot for taking care of Samuel N. WXXX} in his last sickness which was only 8 hours duration		1			
	To 1 sheet to layout the dead 75cts Coffin \$3 Grave 2-00 . To 2 qts soap to wash cloths		5	75		
	F or ringing bell at his funeral			8		
				25		
			\$	47	-	21 1/2

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Kate Hxxx Expense

Ja(nuary 1833 To) part of a load of wood furnished to Kate Hxxxx }  
in her last sickness

To Dr.S.Beardsley for medical attendance & medicine

To cloth for a shroud & makeing 0.98cts to 1/2 sheet 0-25cts to Coffin 2-50 Grave 2-00

total

Expense of Nelly Oxxx

To 1 pair of pump shoes 84cts apron & handkerchief 44 To boarding 25 weeks at 0-90cts pr week

To boarding 27 weeks in the summer at 70cts pr week

total

Mrs Pxxx

To 58 feet walnut wood @ \$6 per cord To

2 loads of oak wood at 1-50

To Doct S. Beardsley for medical attendance and medicine from March 12th until June 19th inclusive

total

	3	75		
	1	23		
	4	50		
			9	48
	1	28		
	22	50		
	18	90		
			42	68
	2	26		
	1	00		
	7	38		
			(10	64)
			(62	80)

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Expence of Merritt Pxxx

To boarding & clothing Merritt Pxxx 33 weeks

MollyBxxx

To 2 loads of wood @ 1-50

To cutting wood and furnishing provisions

Chauncey Txxx

To Doct. S.Beardsley for medical attendance &  
medicines for his child

Expence of Widow Hannah Fxxx

To boarding 11 weeks and 5 days

To 6<sup>1/2</sup> yds Shirting at 10cts pr yd To

Grave cloths

To washing clothes after death

To Coffin 3-50 Grave 2-00

Physicians bill

(16	75)		
		16	75
3	00		
	75		
		3	75
		6	5
10	~5		
	65		
	62		
	38		
5	50		
3			
		20	40
46	95	46	95

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( ) Bxxx family in sickness

Expence of Roxanne Pxxx  
To wheat flour, Tea, molases etc

Expence of Abigail Rxxx  
To 99 feet wood 2-48 To 110 ft do 2-58

Expences of Charles Oxxx a transient person To  
boarding 1 week 0-84 pr day in sickness To do  
1 week at 3-00  
To do 1 do at 1-50  
To cash given him when he left Doctor Parkers  
bill

6			
		6	
11	80		
		11	80
5	6		
		5	6
5	88		
3			
1	50		
			25
4	50		
		15	13
37	99	37	99

196-95 <sup>1/2</sup>	
21-18	
<u>\$175-77<sup>1/2</sup></u>	

Total expence of Town Paupers \$196-95<sup>1/2</sup>

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Roads and Bridges

October 12th 1832 o cash paid Jacob Bunnell for building two bridges near Capt Malford's dwelling house

To Cash paid Henry A. Smith for building 1/2 Mooshill Road

13th To cash expended on a road by Select Men To cash expended for repairs on said road Paid to Chauncey Linsley & brothers for measuring To the Select Men for time spent in settling and measuring sd road with Henry A. Smith 1-00 each Expencc of Bridges First Society

The Bridge Near Jonathan Baldwins To Timber and planks for the bridge

To 138 feet of chestnut bridge plank: @ 2cts pr ft To 2 string pieces 26 feet long each at 6cts pr ft To 2 string pieces 10 feet in length each @ 3 To 1 day's work at bridges

21			
		21	
266	6		
25			
	4	48	
	1	37	
	3	00	
		299	91
16	83		
		16	83
337	74	337	74
	2	76	
	3	12	
		60	
1			
7	48		

Turn over

(p.6)	footings brought over	7	48		
To ( ) feet of white oak bridge plank: at 3 cts pr foot To 2		8	10		
1/2lbs of nails at 6 cts pr lb			15		
To 27 feet of chestnut plank: at 2 cts pr foot			54		
				16	27
To 30 feet of elm plank @ 2 cts pr foot			60		60
Expence of bridges Second Society, total		4	45		
				4	45
To repairing stone bridge at the foot of } Brockway hill so called					
To geting and seting out of 25 willows (?) on the causway (?) near		2	50	2	50
John Harrison's dwelling house			62		~2
To making out the assessment list for 1832		17	39		
				17	39
Bill of Board of Relief		7	50	(7)	(50)
of the assessment					
To making out an abstract list and sending on			4(0)		(40)
to Hartford					
		49	(73)	(49)	73)

Total expence of bridges in the first society is \$36-20 2nd do \$4-45



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To correcting the assessment list	50	50
To making out two town tax books and writing and signing warrants	3	3
To making out 18 highway tax books at 12 1/2 cts To postage on letters	2 25 16	2 25 16
To advertising by laws 1_12 <sup>1/2</sup>		
To removing town records	75 12 <sup>1/2</sup>	75 12 <sup>1/2</sup>
To record book for retailers licenses		
To 2 Guide boards 1 post and erecting same To	1 15	1 15
1 Sign post erected in Northford Society	1 50	1 50
Expence of auction to sell paupers goods	2	2
Assessors bill with Board of Relief	50	50
Bill for entertaining Civil Authority ) and Select Men first Monday in January 1833 by Thadeus Harrison for stationary	6 06	6 06
Wm A Reynolds for bill in form	31	31
(Sele)ct Mens fee	1 62 12	1 62 12
	91 92	31 92

(p.8) ( ) weights and measures  
 ( ) with Branford etc.

\* Expende of repairing Mooshill road To Roger  
 S.Baldwin for council

To abatements refunded to Joel Augur

To Leverett Griswold of N.Haven (County sealer) for

a set of standard weights & sealing

for dry measures & steel yard stick

Set of liquid measures & sealing & sealing yard stick

& dry measures, & time spent in procuring same

for Scale Beam

	3 50	3 50
	4 48	4 48
	3	3
	1 79	1 79
<b>It</b>	42	16 42
	2 34	2 34
	6 75	6 75
	2 25	2 25

\* The above charge for Mooshill Road is erroneous being on a former  
 page

40	53	40	53
4	48	4	48

October 5th 1833 To time spent in going to Branford town to  
 make a settlement with their Treasurer

36	05	36	05
	62		62

To publishing by laws

36	67	36	67
2	37	2	37

Total expence of weights & measures is ( )

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Credit

(By cash) from Branford Town Treasurer including } Eleven dollars for 1/2 weights & measures	4
By cash received from the sale of Kate Hxxx house for licences to retailers	4 75 17 23
By clothing left by Israel Fxxx last year	3 50
By clothing and goods left by Hannah Fxxx sold at auction	23 34
By cash left by Hannah Fxxx	6 25
By cash of Horatio Stone fine	1
By cash of Seth Russell fine	1
19 neat cattle on the commons at 50 cts each	9 50
By dividend on 5 shares of fair haven Turnpike	25
By Note of hand against Joel Augur as state Collector	16 18
	October 12th 1832
By cash from Branford Town Treasurer by Col. Levi Rose	21
By cash from Branford Town Treasurer October 5th 1833 from C.Linsley By the amount of two tax books after deducting abatements & fees Remaining in the Treasury at the last Town Meeting	20 33(2) 92
	3( ) 75
By cash due from Guilford Select men for building 2 rods of the } Mooshill Road	\$( ) 42 ( ) 16
	\$(834) 58

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^ The several footings of debt brought (forward)

47 21

64 80

46 95

37 99

337 74 49

73 31

92 36

67

Total amount of debt \$ 653 01

Total amount of Cr .. 834 58

653 1

Ballance in favor of town 181 57

October 7th 1833 publishing by laws deduct 2 11

179 20

Chauncey Linsley ~ Select

Elizier Harrison Men

Jonathan Rose

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book

1833

(Abatements) made on John Rose's Tax  $\wedge$  by the Select Men October 1st

Appollos Apple	(1 poll)	\$ 0 40
Jairus Bunnell Elihu		42
W. Converse Linus		06
Leet		41 <sup>1/2</sup>
Mabel Page		21
Davis Page		62 <sup>1/2</sup>
Heirs of Bille Tyler		45
Heirs of David Collins		2 <sup>1/2</sup>
Davis Palmer, in part		54
		3 14 <sup>1/2</sup>

I hereby certify that I made a demand of payment of the persons whose taxes are here abated

John Rose Collector

and following  
We hereby certify that the above  $\wedge$  list of abatements was made by us

Chauncey Linsley }  
Jonathan Rose  
Elizier Harrison

Select  
Men

North Branford, October 1st 1833

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Abatements made on Joel Augur's tax book by the Select (Men) of  
North Branford, October 1st 1833

Jared Augur	\$0 75	abatements	3 14 <sup>1/2</sup>
Lydia Baldwin	34		4 75
Parker Bates	40	fees for collecting	6 95
Phineas Beach	6 <sup>1/2</sup>		\$ 14 84 <sup>1/2</sup>
Anson Doolittle	50 <sup>1/2</sup>		
Augustus Foot	4 <sup>1/2</sup>		
Sally Linsley	1 23	amount of two	
Joshua Palmer	4	tax books \$347 ..	77
Abigail Rose	12	deduct abatement 1-14 ..	84 <sup>1/2</sup>
George Todd	40	& fees	
Eunice Baldwin	48 <sup>1/2</sup>		\$ 332 .. 92 <sup>1/2</sup>
	<hr/>		
	\$4 75		

(I) hereby certify that I made a demand for payment of the persons  
(whose) taxes are hereby abated Collector

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( ) Mooshill	
paid out for makeing Mooshill road	\$296 06
do for road & bridges near Capt }	21
Edward Malford's dwelling house	
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	312 06